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September 29, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SUBJECT: GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That your Board officially accept the donation made to the High Desert Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center from the Partners in Care Foundation as described in the attachment, and that the Executive Officer prepare an appropriate letter of appreciation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Garthwaite", is written over a printed name and title.

Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
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ATTACHMENT

DONATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
HIGH DESERT MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

DESCRIPTION: The donation of a Topcon NW-100 Non-Mydriatic Retinal Camera, at an estimated value of \$16,000, to the High Desert Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center from the Partners in Care Foundation.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This donation of a Topcon retinal camera is part of the Office of Ambulatory Care's efforts to create a retinal telehealth program at the County's comprehensive health centers as well as at the County's multi-service ambulatory care center. The purpose of the telehealth program is for early detection of retinopathy among the County's diabetic patient population. Diabetes is a major cause of early blindness. As a result, diabetics are required to have annual eye exams to check on the health of their retinas. Currently, there is nearly a one year wait in the County for this annual eye exam. While this retinal telehealth system will not replace the need for a patient to see an ophthalmologist, it will allow patients to be screened in a timely manner and will enable the County to fast track those patients with significant retinopathy to immediate ophthalmology care. In doing so, it can prevent unnecessary blindness among many individuals in the County's diabetic population.

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OF DONOR: Partners in Care Foundation  
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